

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this patent application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Lancaster III et al. in view of Mackie and Eglington et al.; and Claims 5-10 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Lancaster III et al. in view of Mackie, Eglington et al., and Rimondi et al. Claims 1-10 remain active in this patent application.

The interview granted by Examiner Paradiso is hereby acknowledged and sincerely appreciated as a means for expediting the prosecution of this patent application toward allowance. During the course of the interview, the present invention was fully discussed in light of the prior art of record and it was agreed that the claims as originally presented patentably defined over the art of record.

More particularly, it was noted to the examiner that in accordance with the present invention, there is provided a stretch head, for facilitating the wrapping of palletized loads within packaging or wrapping film, which comprises a vertical downright, and a carriage assembly vertically movable along the vertical downright. A base plate is mounted upon the carriage assembly and is inclined with respect to a horizontal plane so as to have a first end thereof disposed at a higher elevation than a second opposite end thereof. A supply roll of wrapping or packaging film is rotatably mounted upon the first higher end of the base plate, and a pair of tension rollers are mounted upon a substantially central portion of the base plate. A strain gauge roller is also mounted upon the base plate for receiving the wrapping film exiting from the tension rollers, a first idler roller is mounted upon the base plate for receiving the wrapping film from the strain gauge roller, and a second idler roller is mounted upon the second opposite end of the base plate for receiving the wrapping film from the first idler roller. Since the second idler roller is mounted upon the lowest end portion of the base plate, in view of the inclined disposition thereof, the second idler roller is capable of positioning the wrapping film at the lowest elevation whereby the wrapping film

can be wrapped around the lowermost regions of the palletized load.

It was therefore respectively noted to the examiner that none of the cited prior art disclosed the presently claimed invention. In particular, Eglington et al. discloses a roll of paper 16 which is inclined with respect to a horizontal plane, and the same is mounted upon a horizontally movable carriage assembly 50. In this manner, as the paper is unreeled from the roll of paper 16, and as the carriage assembly 50 is moved horizontally, the paper can be wrapped around a horizontally disposed load, in this case, a roll of carpeting, in a spiral manner. It can therefore be appreciated that Eglington et al. does not disclose any structure whatever which corresponds to the claimed invention wherein there is provided a base plate which is disposed upon a vertically movable carriage in an inclined manner such that the second idler roller, disposed upon the lowermost end of the inclined base plate, can be accessible to the vertically lowermost portion of the palletized load to be wrapped.

In addition, it is respectfully submitted still further that Eglington et al. not only does not disclose the particularly claimed structure of the present invention, but more importantly, Eglington et al. does not embody any teachings or motivation whereby it would be obvious to utilize the structural arrangement or components of Eglington et al. within a structural system or arrangement such as that of Lancaster, III et al., which comprises carriage 108, and its associated rollers 110, which are vertically movable along the vertically arm 104, or alternatively, to modify the structural arrangement or system of Lancaster, III et al. in accordance with the disclosure or teachings of Eglington et al. More specifically, Eglington et al. does not disclose the inclined base plate structure whereby the idler discharge roller would be located at the lowermost end portion thereof so as to be capable of reaching the lowermost end portion of the palletized load. It is therefore additionally submitted that Eglington et al. does not disclose any teachings whereby it would be obvious to effectively reconfigure the structural arrangement of Lancaster, III et al. in order to satisfy the claimed recitations of the present invention.

In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that this patent application is now in condition for allowance, and therefore, an early and favorable action to this effect is now anticipated and awaited.

Respectfully Submitted,
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